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## October Meeting Highlights And More

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At our October meeting we had a short presentation on Baluns and Chokes presented by Dave KD6DW with a short question and answer period held by Sue AF6LJ.

Aside from our meeting October was busy for ARCEC members. The San Diego Ham-fest started off the month with a Bang. ARCEC had a table at the event and ARCEC member Pat WA6MHZ gave a presentation on his 6 meter kilowatt amplifier. The Old Radio Trade Show was chalk full of radio gear representing the last 50 years. Parts and test equipment filled out the old radio trade show, bargains were there for the having. I walked away with a bench power supply and a matching power supply for my Atlas 350XL. There were a number of very well done presentations, a drawing, vendors and plenty of good fellowship with members of the amateur radio community.

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## JOTA at Balboa Park

Pat WA6MHZ set up his Ultimate Go Kit at the Jamboree On The Air event at the Scouting Jamboree in Balboa Park on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Scouts had a chance to use the radio and talk to stations over the air. Pat and Sue AF6LJ were instrumental in scouts earning their amateur radio merit badge. Scouting is a wonderful environment to expose young people to amateur radio. Amateur radio is just another tool to add to the tool box of self reliance and independence. Good Work Pat!

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## Next Month's Meeting

### All About The SB-220

Everything you need to know  
About one of the most popular  
Kit amplifiers o  
of all time.

## Noteworthy Items

The Homebrew Contest is coming up. Share your project with us, the contest will be during our November meeting. Anything you build is welcome.

Officer and board elections are just around the Corner, Nominations are current open for officers, and board members. ***At this time we do have two board positions open, join the board and help set the direction for our club in the coming years.*** Elections will be held at our December meeting.

We are also currently discussing replacement of our field day yagi antennas. The antennas we have been using are getting a bit old and tired. This year would be a good time to replace them.

Coming up this winter we are planning a shed clean up party. We will be sorting through what we have, casting off those items we no longer use and conducting repairs on our flatbed trailer.

Join us for Fry's Operating Day November 18<sup>th</sup>. A great time to show off your portable station, and interact with the public, Spread the good word of Amateur Radio at Fry's Operating day. See Page-3 for details.

Last but not least if you have any content you wish to see published in Counterpoise anything ham radio related, your project you are working on, portable operations, or that rare DX you caught please send it to

[counterpoise@wa6bgs.us](mailto:counterpoise@wa6bgs.us)

### ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

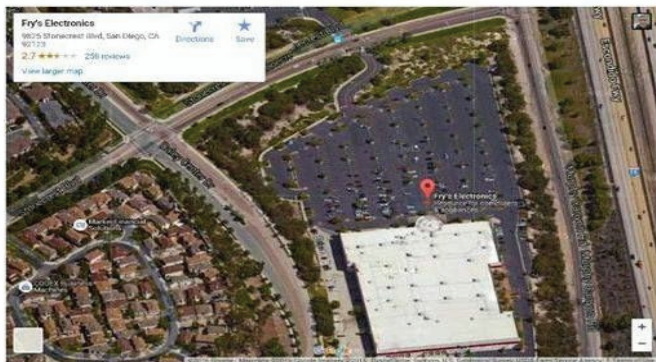
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RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
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PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2

**FRYS OPERATING DAY-SD**

Saturday, November 18, 2017

9825 Stonecrest Blvd, San Diego, CA  
92123 (off Aero Dr.)Setup at 7am - Public Operations by 9am -  
Until 4pm (+/-)**WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

**Come on out and test out your To-Go Box, antennas, etc. Plus, put a face with the Ham friends that you talk with daily. Come support attending clubs and Ham organizations and help acquaint the public with Amateur Radio.**



## Club Christmas Party

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon will be holding it's annual Christmas Party at our

December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be a pot luck dinner, drawings, not the least of which will be the grand prize drawing for a Yaesu FT-8900 Quad Band Transceiver. As always the only 2 business topics on the agenda for the December meeting are **Officers, Board members, and Ham of the Year elections**, and **to have a good time**. We hope to see you there.

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## Membership Badges & Pins

All members of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon who might wish to obtain a membership badge can contact Dell Awards and place an order with them. They are our current preferred source for these badges, and have our logo and design on file and ready to create a custom badge for members. Current price is \$7.50 per badge and they have indicated that there is normally a 3 business day turnaround time. These are quality badges made by a long established company, so place yours on order soon. They can be reached at the below address and phone number, and be sure to mention you saw this blurb in the Counterpoise newsletter too.

**Dell Awards****7949 Broadway****Lemon Grove, CA 91945****(619) 469-2100****Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm****Sat 10am-1pm****Sun - Closed**

## Club Pins Now Available:

They have arrived! A limited number of club pins are now here and can be obtained from our Treasurer at most club functions. These are 1" diameter pins with a rubber clutch pin on rear. You can now show the world your support of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, and for the small cost of \$3.00 each too. Get them while they are available.







The **AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF EL CAJON**<sup>Inc.</sup>  
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Please fill out this form and then see options at bottom for submitting to the club

Date of application: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    Check    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:    Individual (\$20/year)    Family\* (\$35/year)

Membership Status:    New    Renewal    Returning Member

Call Sign    First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

If a previous member, what was your WAMO number?

ARRL Member:    Yes    No

License Class:    Technician    General    Extra    Other

Email Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Use another sheet of paper to add Family members and please include the following information:*

First Name, Last Name, Call Sign (if any), License Class, Wamo Number (if any), & Email Address.

**Submitting this form:**

To submit this form, you can mail it to:

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon  
P.O. Box 50  
El Cajon, CA 92022**

-OR-

Bring it to the next club meeting on the second Thursday of each month. You can find the date and location by getting online at [www.wa6bgs.us](http://www.wa6bgs.us) which is the club website. Check it out for the most current information regarding the club.

**Cash Payments - Get a receipt from the Club Treasurer. Please make all checks payable to AMATEUR RADIO CLUB of EL CAJON, Incorporated. Receipts for payments by check will be sent by email or regular mail by the Club Treasurer.**

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